

The Final Word on the First Church Council

Acts 15

Introduction:

After the first journey....
... a challenge is raised up against faith alone...
... that brings an appeal to the apostles in Jerusalem...

Peter stood...

And now James the brother of Jesus

v 14 James has a classic reformed theology of salvation

- Election
- Unconditional election
- Conversion

Point: James agrees with Peter and Paul

v 15f He quotes Amos “What does the Bible say?”

Here is James’ view of history

- The church age
- The return
- The restoration of Israel
- The kingdom over all the Gentiles

Point: Gentiles are part of God’s plan

v 18 A plan from eternity

v 19 So “don’t trouble these people”

v 20f But be “evangelistic”

Conclusion: